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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP MEETING OF JULY 17

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THE CONTACT GROUP MET JULY 17 TO DISCUSS THE TIMING OF
SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF NAMIBIA AND THE SWAPO
REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF SWAPO PRISONERS (SPECIFIED REFTEL)
FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

1. TIMING OF SECURITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.
THE CONTACT GROUP AGREED THAT THE DATE OF JULY 24 SHOULD

BE MAINTAINED FOR COMMENCEMENT OF SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF NAMIBIA. THE GROUP CONSIDERS THAT AN INFORMAL SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATION COULD BE HELD ON JULY 24 WITH THE FIRST FORMAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TO OCCUR ON JULY 25. THE GROUP ALSO BELIEVES THAT IT SHOULD BE THE INTENT OF THE FIVE, WITH REGARD TO THE FIRST RESOLUTION ON OUR PROPOSAL, TO HAVE THE VOTE PRECEDE THE DEBATE (AS WAS DONE WITH UNIFIL). THIS WOULD ALLOW THE SECRETARIAT'S FORMAL PLANNING TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AND AVOID A DELAY OF SEVERAL DAYS' WORTH OF DEBATE. THE GROUP UNDERSTOOD FROM THE REPORTS OF SOME OF THE OTHER CONTACT GROUP MEMBERS THAT THE FIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE IN BONN THAT THE FIRST FORMAL COUNCIL MEETING BE HELD ON JULY 28. THE GROUP BELIEVES THAT SUCH A DELAY WOULD BE UNWISE GIVEN THE FRAGILE NATURE OF THE SETTLEMENT AND WOULD CERTAINLY ELICIT REQUESTS (E.G., FROM SWAPO AND OTHER AFRICANS) FOR A FURTHER DELAY UNTIL AFTER THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE.

2. SWAPO REQUEST REGARDING PRISONERS:

THE CONTACT GROUP AGREED THAT NO EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO OBTAIN SOUTH AFRICA'S ACCESSION TO SWAPO'S REQUEST. THE GROUP ALSO AGREED THAT WE SHOULD POSTPONE ANY RESPONSE TO SWAPO UNTIL LATER IN THE WEEK. LEONARD

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